GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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NEW TECHNIQUE FOR DIABETICS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn towards the news-item captioned `New technique has been introduced for diabetics who have severe heart problem` published in Indian Express dated October 24, 2002;

(b) if so, facts of the matter reported therein; and

(c) the concrete steps taken by the Government to popularize the technique?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a)to(c): Yes, Sir. According to the news item, the doctors at a private hospital in Delhi, carried out Endopscopic Vein Harvesting (EVH), a new technique on a diabetic patient while performing the procedure of coronary bypass surgery on him. In the procedure, an endoscope is connected to a video camera and inserted through one to three small incisions in the leg allowing the surgeon to remove a vein with minimal stress to the leg.

The technique used is still new and it takes time to get wide-spread acceptance. However, the procedure has its own advantages and disadvantages. As every surgical patient is unique, it is for the surgical team to recommend the best procedure for a patient.